



2007 Calendar of Events at the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center

January



13 Winter Mammal Tracking Clinic

9 am - 3 pm. Learn to identify winter animal tracks. Grab a pair of snowshoes and follow their trails through the snow. \$15 fee; snowshoes provided. BYO lunch and refreshments. Register by January 3. Limit 20 people.

20 & 21 Timber Wolf - Winter Tracking & Ecology

9 am Saturday to noon Sunday. *Timber Wolf Information Network* discusses wolf ecology, population biology, management issues, and field study techniques, including winter tracking in the field. \$65 fee includes instruction materials, two meals, dorm lodging, and field trip into wolf territory. BYO Saturday lunch and refreshments. Register by January 10. Limit 25 people. *Repeated February 17-18.*

February

3 Porcupine Ecology on Snowshoes

9 am - 2 pm. Join staff as they conduct porcupine ecology research at Sandhill. Search for sign and check live-traps. We provide the snowshoes, coffee and hot chocolate. You provide lunch and \$15 registration fee. Register by January 24. Limit 20 people.



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March

3 & 4 Snowshoe Weaving

9 am Saturday - 3 pm Sunday. Snowshoeing is more popular than ever. Join the craze and weave your own traditional snowshoes! The functional beauty resulting from your handiwork will amaze you! Fee includes kit (wooden frame, lacing), bindings, and instruction. Contact us for information about snowshoe styles and fees. Register by February 1. Limit 15 people.

10 Wilderness Medicine - Going Beyond First Aid

Taught by Rod Erickson, M.D. A must for those who play in the outdoors. This year's course is offered as a morning session, or as an all-day event (morning session plus afternoon practicals), depending on your needs.

Morning ONLY session: 9am-noon. Topics on hygiene, common injuries, broken bones, medicines for use in the back-country, and evacuation strategies. \$15 registration fee.

Afternoon Practical: 1-4pm. Practice in the field evaluating and caring for various outdoor injuries...a continuation of the morning's discussions. Persons participating in this event should provide clothing suitable for working in the outdoors.

The all-day event fee is \$20.00; guests to provide own lunch. **Reminder:** when signing up be sure to indicate whether you are signing up for the morning session, or the All-day event. Limit 20 people; register by March 1.

April

21 Outdoor Cooking

10 am - 3 pm. Great food makes any outdoor experience better! Join Laura Huber and practice techniques for successful outdoor meals. This workshop specializes in the use of Dutch ovens. Participants eat what they cook! \$20 fee includes meal and refreshments. Register by April 11. Limit 25 people.

28 Friends of Sandhill Open House Day!

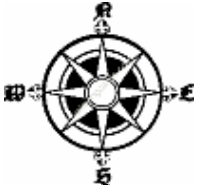
9 am to 3 pm. Join volunteers of Friends of Sandhill for a day of family fun exploring nature's secrets on Sandhill. Complimentary snacks and refreshments served while they last. Mother Nature flea market...so bring your wallet to help with fund-raising!



May

5 & 6 Orienteering--Fun with Compass & Map

8:30 am - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 2 pm Sunday. Learn how to navigate in the out-of-doors with compass and map. A must for hunters, hikers and backpackers. Learn how to use detailed maps & compasses. Navigate through several compass courses, including a cross-country exercise of several miles! BYO own lunches. Fee \$30. Additional fee for Dorm Stay, see **Dorm Use**. Register by April 25.



12 Calling all Frogs!

6:00 pm - 11 pm. Learn about Wisconsin's marshland frogs & toads in a discussion of frog ecology and status. Join herpetologist Dan Nedrelo on a night-time "frogging" adventure, searching for and identifying frogs in their marshland boudoirs. \$20 fee. BYO meal & refreshments. Hip-boots required, and available on request. Register by May 2nd. Limit 25 people.

June

9 Turtle Tagging!

5:30 to 10:00 pm. Join Sandhill Wildlife Area staff biologists in research surveys of nesting female turtles. Aid them in collecting biological information by marking snapping turtles, painted turtles and Blanding's turtles. \$15 fee; register by June 1. Limited to 10 people, ages 12 and up. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Special Public Deer Hunt Within Sandhill

The decision to hold public hunts within Sandhill are based on the deer density during that particular year. To see if Sandhill will be having one this year, please call the Sandhill Wildlife Biologist at 715-884-6331 after July 1st.

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Please Visit us at Sandhill Wildlife Area!

<http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/reclands/sandhill/>

September

8 Waterfowl Hunting: Beginners Workshop
9 am - 3 pm. For kids age 12+. Co-sponsored by Ducks Unlimited and Wisconsin Waterfowl Association. Demonstrations on decoying, duck calling, hunting with dogs and basics in identifying ducks. Practice shotgunning on our range. \$15 fee includes lunch and refreshments. Register by August 29. Limit 30.

15 & 16 Trapper Education Workshop
9 am - 2 pm. Ages 12 and up. Required by law for first-time trappers, this 2-day course provides hands-on learning about humane and efficient manners of trapping. Learn to select, care for and set traps, prepare pelts. Co-sponsored with the *Wisconsin Trappers Association*. BYO Saturday lunch. \$25 fee includes 3 meals, dorm stay and manual. Register by September 5. Limit 25 people.

October

6 & 7 Morning on the Marsh
2 pm Saturday - 11 am Sunday. Camp on rim of Gallagher Marsh and witness the spectacular migration of over 5,000 cranes. Listen to marsh music as birds fly across the sunset and across the dawn sky. Plenty of ducks, geese and bald eagles too! BYO camping gear. \$35 fee includes 2 meals, guide and plenty of entertainment! Register by September 26. Limit 20 people.

20 & 21 Advanced Outdoor Photography
10:00 am Saturday - 2 pm Sunday. Capture the autumn migration on film during this advanced clinic for 35 mm buffs. Learn various wildlife and outdoor photography techniques and other skills from expert Doug Alft. BYO lunch, film, photo equipment. \$45 fee includes 2 meals and refreshments. Fee for dorm stay, see **Dorm Use**. Register by October 10. Limit 20 people.

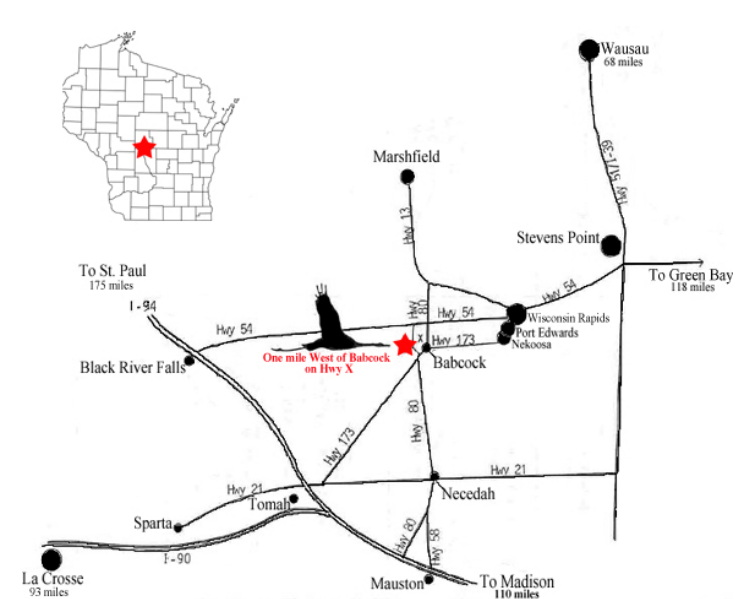


27 Crane-watch Magic
3 pm - dark. Experience the flight of 6,000 cranes as they return to the Gallagher Marsh after a day of feeding in surrounding fields. Dress warm in neutral colors (camouflage preferred). Rain or shine (the birds will be there). Scopes, binoculars and cameras welcomed. Register by October 17 with \$15 fee. Limit 25 people.



December

1 Volunteer Carnivore Training & Refresher Clinic
9 am to 2:30 pm. Sponsored by the DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources' Wolf Project, this training clinic is mandatory for persons seriously interested in contributing volunteer time (3 X's per winter) assisting the DNR in their census of wolves and other Wisconsin carnivores. Other workshops exist If you are curious about wolves (see January 20/21 and February 17/18, above), but are not serious about this *commitment* in time. A recommended pre-requisite for those who are serious about helping in census work is the *Wolf Ecology* workshops sponsored by TWIN (see January 20/21 and February 17/18, above; at Beaver Creek Reserve; and Treehaven each winter), and TWA's annual event held in August. Fee: \$15.00. Register by November 22. Limit: 35 people.



Workshop Registration & Dorm Use Policy

To register for a workshop, send:

1. Workshop name and date
2. Name, street address, daytime phone and e-mail of all persons registering.
3. Check or money order in the amount listed made out to **DNR-Skills Center - we do not accept credit cards.**

Dorm Use

You may reserve a space in the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center dormitory for the evening before, and/or following any of the workshops by sending :

1. Name, sex, age and relationship(s) of each individual
2. Day and date dorm lodging is requested
3. A donation of \$15 per person, per night is appreciated.

You must supply a sleeping bag, pillow, and personal gear. We supply a bunk bed in one of eight, 4-person rooms, and shower-equipped bathrooms. Registration is based on receipt of payment on a first-come, first-served basis.

How To Register

Tabulate registration fee(s) and dorm lodging donation, and make check out to: **DNR-Skills Center**. Provide necessary information on workshop, participants, and lodging requests. Mail to: Sandhill DNR, Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413.

Cancellation Policy

No refunds for cancellations 5 working days before the event. Registration is based on receipt of payment on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons sending in registrations after the clinic/workshop is filled will have their checks returned. For more information consult our website at: www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/reclands/sandhill, or call: 715-884-6333, or e-mail "Richard.Thiel @dnr.state.wi.us".

Learn to Hunt Deer "Hunt/Workshops"

Applications will be available at all DNR Service Centers and Regional Headquarters in early-March and must be post marked by May 31. All participants, **including beginner adults**, must be enrolled or have completed a Hunter Safety course. The hunt will be on Saturday and Sunday, Tentatively November 3rd and 4th. Previous participants are ineligible.

YOUTH WORKSHOPS - August:

Saturday, August 4th Tuesday, August 7th Thursday August 9th
Saturday, August 11th Tuesday, August 14th Thursday, August 16th

*Youth must be less than 16 years old on the dates of the hunt, November 3rd and 4th. Workshops are one-day 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Fee: \$35. BYO lunch. We will provide refreshments.

BEGINNER ADULT WORKSHOP - September 22

*Applicants must sign an affidavit indicating they have never hunted deer with a gun before. Age 16 + eligible. Fee: \$35. BYO lunch and refreshments.



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